



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of Amendment #2 to the 12-month contracts with CARITAS OF AUSTIN, Austin, TX, to provide basic needs services, in the amount of \$167,890, for a total contract of \$353,023, with five renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$353,023 per renewal option, for a combined total cost to the City not to exceed \$2,118,138; MEALS ON WHEELS AND MORE, INC., Austin, TX, to provide basic needs services, in the amount of \$62,282, for a total contract of \$222,557, with five renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$222,557 per renewal option, for a combined total cost to the City not to exceed \$1,335,342; and TRAVIS COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVAL CENTER (SAFEPLACE), Austin, TX, to provide basic needs services to victims of violence/abuse/neglect, in the amount of \$309,000, for a total contract of \$604,316, with five renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$604,316 per renewal option, for a combined total cost to the City not to exceed \$3,625,896.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$884,922 is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The contract period is January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Health and Human
DEPARTMENT: Services

**DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Approved 2005-2006 Operating Budget, September 12, 2005. Approved 2004-2005 Social Service contracts, November 14, 2004.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Background

Council first approved supplemental funding for basic needs in Fiscal Year 2002, and has continued the supplemental funding in each subsequent year. Approximately one-half of the basic needs supplemental funding provided to these, and several other social service agencies, was redirected during 2004-2005 to develop the Best Single Source (BSS) project, an innovative collaborative model that reconfigures the system for providing basic needs services (housing, food, and utility assistance) to eligible constituents in the Austin area. The remaining basic needs supplemental funding was continued as separate supplemental contracts to the social service agencies, to extend their regular basic needs delivery systems.

In the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget, Council included a restoration of the 5.16%

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cuts, and added a 3% Cost of Living increase to the Social Service contracts, for a total increase of 8.16%. A prorated portion of that increase was provided to each agency listed in this RCA, as Amendment #1 to the 2005 contracts; Amendment #1 for each was processed administratively.

For Fiscal Year 2006, Council approved the inclusion of the supplemental funds into the base Social Services budget. This RCA requests authorization to execute Amendment #2 to the base contract for each agency named to incorporate the remaining supplemental funding (not already allocated to BSS), which did not have renewal options, into the agencies' respective base safety net social service contracts that has five remaining renewal options.

Performance Measures

Related Goals

Services provided under these contracts support the Health and Human Services Department's goal of promoting and fostering increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyles among targeted populations.

Caritas of Austin

Outputs

Number of unduplicated clients provided basic needs services	568
Number of unduplicated clients provided rent or utility assistance	437
Number of hot meals served	34,145

Outcomes

Percentage of unduplicated clients provided rent or utility assistance who remained in stable housing 30 days after receiving assistance	90%
Percentage of unduplicated clients provided a meal who were satisfied with the meal, as measured in an annual survey	80%

Meals on Wheels and More

Outputs

Number of unduplicated clients served	140
Number of first meals prepared for clients	27,300
Number of second meals provided	29,852
Number of nutritional flyers distributed to clients	936

Outcomes

Percentage of returned client surveys, which indicate that meals satisfy an essential part of their daily nutritional needs	85%
Percentage of clients who are able to maintain self-sufficiency/independence	85%

Travis County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Survival Center (SafePlace)

Outputs

Number of unduplicated clients sheltered	193
Number of unduplicated clients counseled	205
Number of bed nights of shelter provided	7424



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Outcomes

Percentage of unduplicated clients who exit shelter or transitional housing
and move into safe and stable housing that does not include the batterer 65%
Percentage of unduplicated counseling clients surveyed who indicate an
increase in their understanding of the dynamics and effects of abuse and trauma 95%

Requested Council Action

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